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MARGARITE MARY FUJITA

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

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REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5107]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5107) for the relief of Margarite Mary Fujita, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of a minor Japanese child in the custody of a United States citizen serviceman and his wife. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a minor Japanese child presently in the custody of Lt. and Mrs. Harold H. Fujita, who are United States citizens presently in Japan where Lieutenant Fujita is on duty with our Armed Forces.

Congressman Allan O. Hunter, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in support of the bill:

KOBE, JAPAN, *March 10, 1952.*

Hon. ALLEN O. HUNTER,
Member of Congress,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HUNTER: Enclosed herewith the sworn affidavit and letters you requested in your letter of January 30, 1952. I am sorry I was unable to forward the enclosed at an earlier date, but circumstances prevented me from doing so.

I recently heard from Mr. T. M. Manley, American vice consul, Kobe, Japan, that a friend of ours was successful in having a bill passed in Congress concerning their adoption.

Sir, I am requesting at this time that future correspondence, in regards to our adopting Marguarite Mary, be forwarded to me as follows: First Lt. Harold H. Fujita, Hyogo CIC Area, APO 317, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Due to circumstances concerned at the time I initially made my request concerning our adopting Marguarite Mary, it was necessary that I give my title as DAC. However, it is now permissible that correspondence to me may be addressed using my military rank.

May I, at this time, again express the deepest appreciation, for both my wife and myself, for all that you have done in our behalf. We sincerely hope that the enclosed correspondence will aid materially in having H. R. 5107 passed by Congress at the earliest possible moment.

Very sincerely yours,

HAROLD H. FUJITA,
First Lieutenant, O965547, Hyogo CIC Area,
APO 317, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

AFFIDAVIT

MARCH 7, 1952.

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the following is a true description of the personal background of myself and my wife, Goldie M. Fujita, and the efforts we have made to insure the return to the United States of the minor, alien child, Marguarite Mary Fujita:

We, First Lt. and Mrs. Harold H. Fujita, are the adoptive parents of Marguarite Mary, and desire to bring the child with us to the United States for adoption upon completion of Lieutenant Fujita's tour in the Far East Command.

We have consulted with the American consul in Kobe, Japan, where Lieutenant Fujita is presently stationed and have corresponded with the Honorable Allan O. Hunter, Congressman, Ninth District, California, to have a bill passed in the Congress of the United States to make it possible for us to take the child back to the United States. In this respect Congressman Hunter has presented H. R. 5107, in the first session of the Eighty-second Congress for the relief of Marguarite Mary Fujita.

Lieutenant Fujita was born in Sanger, Fresno County, Calif., on June 17, 1920, and attended schools in Clovis, Calif. Mrs. Fujita was born in Girard, Ohio, on October 25, 1922, and attended schools in Stamford, Conn. Both Lieutenant and Mrs. Fujita have no outstanding debts, receive a monthly salary of $445, including Army allowances, and have approximately $1,200 in United States Government savings bonds. Neither have any criminal record, and Lieutenant Fujita has been cleared by the United States Government for a position of trust and confidence. Both are American citizens and are very eager to have H. R. 5107 passed so that Marguarite Mary will be able to accompany them to the United States.

HAROLD H. FUJITA,
First Lieutenant, Armor, 319th MI Company.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at Kobe, Japan, this 7th day of March 1952.

JAMES H. MARTIN,
Captain, Infantry, 441st CIC Det, Summary Court,

FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE,
KOBE BRANCH, USPOLAD,
APO 317, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., February 7, 1952.

Lt. HAROLD H. FUJITA,
Hyogo CIC Area, APO 317.

SIR: Reference is made to your verbal request that copies of correspondence between you and this office, concerning your efforts to get your adopted daughter into the United States, be made available to you.

Actually our files do not show any evidence of previous correspondence. However, there have been frequent consultations between you and this office with

regard to the adoption of your daughter Margarite Mary and her entry into the United States. Our consultations with regard to the adoption of Margarite May started in July 1951, when you first approached this office for advice.

This office wishes you luck in your endeavors and, should you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

T. M. MANLEY,
American Vice Consul,
(For the Consul General).

HEADQUARTERS CAMP KOBE,
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN,
APO 317, February 18, 1952.

To Whom It May Concern:

The following statement is made in behalf of First Lt. Harold H. Fujita O965547, Hyogo CIC Area, APO 317, and his wife, Goldie M. Fujita, who are endeavoring to adopt and take to the United States a minor, alien child.

I have personally known Lieutenant and Mrs. Fujita for the past 4 months. I believe them to be of sound moral character, emotionally stable, and most sincere in their desire to provide a home for the child they are trying to adopt.

It is my considered opinion that the child, if adopted, will receive the intelligent guidance, financial security, and the love and affection necessary for the wholesome development of its personality and character.

THEO E. CURTIS, Jr.,
Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) United States Army,
Camp Chaplain.

HUOGO AREA, SECOND DISTRICT,
441ST COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS DETACHMENT,
APO 317, March 6, 1952.

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I have personally known Lieutenant and Mrs. Fujita for over a year and a half. During this period of time Lieutenant Fujita has been serving under me as an officer of my command, and I have been in a position to observe him daily.

I believe that both Lieutenant and Mrs. Fujita are mature individuals of sound moral character, are emotionally and mentally stable, and are most sincere in their desire and attempts to provide a home and environment suitable for the minor child whom they are trying to adopt.

It is my sincere belief from personal observation of both individuals concerned that the child, if adopted, would be able to receive from Lieutenant and Mrs. Fujita the intelligent guidance, financial security, and the love and affection necessary for the wholesome development of the child's personality and character.

PAUL R. LUTJENS,
Major, Infantry,
Commanding.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 5107) should be enacted.

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